## GOSSIP OF THE BALL FIELD.

A GLANCE AT ALL CLASSES OF BALL PLAYERS.

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the Miner Leagues-Association Records A man who is familiar with the inside workings of the New York Club, in conversaion with THE SUN reporter the other day, im-parted the surprising information that not mly did Tim Keefe fall to get his \$4,000 salary. but he also failed to get what the club first What he really did get is not known, but it is not far from what he received last summer. There does not seem to be the slightest doubt but that Tim nerve at the last moment. President Day was willing to meet him half way, but when Keefe skipped off to Boston two lays before the season opened, and without ng a word about it, Mr. Day got mad, and here is no cause to doubt but that Keefe would ave been put on a salary of \$1,000 for the senson had he not hastened back from the Hub. The many stories to the effect that Keefe's arm had gone back on him have been knocked out by the fine work he has done during the sek. He is just as good as he ever was.

A Philadelphia man, who saw the New Yorkon game on Monday, has this to say about a Polo ground crowd: "I am surprised to see o much excitement at a ball game. We have had many larger crowds at Philadelphia es than that was, but for excitement we nothing like it. At Philadelphia the crowd sits and sees the game out. When it is over they go home. They don't yell like a lot of Indians at everything they see; but of the

The Eastern League clubs have gone West. This trip is going to be a hard one, and the New Yorks will have to play ball from the word go If they hope to hold their own. The Western clubs will make more than the usual effort in ies, and they will make all the Eastern men do their best to win.

In speaking of base balls the other day a ell-known dealer in this line of goods said that 6,000,000 base balls were made and sold every year. Of this number his firm sold 8,000,000. This little piece of information will go a long way toward convincing the skeptic that some base ball is played in this country. Of course this number does not represent any one grade of balls, but includes the ten-cent ball as well as that sold for \$1.50.

The New York Club left for the West with seven victories and four defeats to their credit. As they will play the Indianapolis team first, it is safe to say that their number of victories will be increased. The club has enough players on the trip, but it is not always the quantity that wins. Manager Mutrie will have all of his young men out every day, and will spend money in giving them practice.

The Brooklyn Club made a nice spurt during the past week, and if the players will only keep it up they will make some of the Western men nustle when the team arrives out there. Everything seems to be working very nicely among the Brooklyn men now. They have become accustomed to each other, and should make a much better showing as time passes.

Things do not look so rosy in the Central League as they should, for the simple reason that just what was feared most is likely to happen, and that is, the Jersey City and Newark clubs are so much stronger than the other clubs of the League that it is likely to have a depressing effect upon the whole League. Something should be done at once to make the clubs more equal.

to a certain point to bring back a prisoner, and, as they were jolly good fellows, they were called on for assistance, which they readily gave. Eddie Hogan, now of the Cleveland team, engineared the scheme. He instructed one of the Sheriffs to blace himself and Baldwin under arrest as counterfeiters and put them in a seat together to take them to the nearest town for trial. This was done, and Baldwin was almost frightened to death, and pleaded innocence in the most pathetic tones. It was no use, however, and he and Hogan were looked together in a seat, and the Sheriff gave them instructions as follows:

"I am geing into the next car, but I have a partner on the train in this car who is armed to the teeth. If either of you leave this seat he will shoot you dead."

The affrighted Lady huddled close to Hogan and his teeth fairly chattered. After sitting still a few minutes Hogan tired of his bargain and started to get up. Baldwin turned pale with fright. He grasped his foolhardy companion with the remark, "For God's sake, Eddie, don't move. He will shoot you sure." Hogan fought like a demont o get away, while the other members of the team fairly yelled with give in the back of the car. Hogan finally got away, but Baldwin did not dare to move. He will shoot you away, but Baldwin did not dare to move. He sat there for three hours. Every few minutes some of the team would go up and sympathize with him. When he reached the next stop and was told of the joke he was madenough to fight. It was months before the Lady was allowed to rest in peace.

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Boston, May 5.—Here is an illustration of the uncertainties of base ball. New York goes to Washington and has hard work to get the best of the visit, the Senators winning one game and fightling another to a draw more honest than that of Sullivan and Mitchell; Boston goes to the capital and takes all four games, not quite hands down; and then, by all analogies of logic, the Hub team should win three of the four in New York, but it doesn't, as The Bun readers well know.

Boston people have been saying that, of course, it was our luck to have keen against us the first thing, but they forget that it was also our luck to have whitney sick or in the sulks while the team was in Washington, so that on these points the luck is pretty nearly even. But it cannot be denied that the Boston's have been very fortunate in their games, and, in saying that, your correspondent does not desire to detract in the least from their good work. The record thus far shows that they are well shoad of their opponents in batting and fielding, but they have been fortunate either in getting in their hits or in enticing their opponents into errors just when one or the other was badly needed to get out of a small hole. And, again, in former sensons extra laning games have resulted almost invariably to the disadvantage of the ex-champlons, while thus far this year the reverse has been the case. The stories of the ex-champlons, while thus far this year the reverse has been detected by the worst of the umpiring. It is a much better time to raise that ery when winning, and it comes then with better grace: nevertheless the writer is loth to believe that the errors in judgment of that much maligned individual, the umpire, have been so invariably in the one direction, and, unless a decision is so rank that its injustice is transparent, it is far better to concede that the umpiring. It is a mu

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land the pennant at Sportsmen's Pars. There is an element of weakness, however, behind the bat. Boyle is a good catcher, but is an unreliable thrower. Milligan can catch Hudson in fine style, but put Knauftor King in the box and big John is away off. Both are speedy and sometimes which. Ring depends altogether on his speed, which is of the cannon-ball order, and he uses up a catcher in short time. Latham is so far leading the teaming in batting, with Jim O'Neill second. The dude is averaging two hits to a zame, and is fleiding in brilliant form. The attendance so far this season has been discouraging, but the management alleges that it is very well pleased with the fifty cent tariff. Kid Baldwin and King are mortal enemies, because King struck "Hick" Carpenter heavily in the side while putting him out at the plate. The wrangling in all the Association games here has been continuous and disgraceful. In the Cincinnati series, which was the most exciting ever played here, each game was delayed fifteen minutes by the kicking. Fines were distributed all around, but they had no effect.

One of the secrets of Comiskey's success is his treatment of his men. He never humiliates a player on the field, no matter what blunder is made. On the contrary, he encourages him with suggestions, but after the game he coolly leads the delinquent off in private and tells him he must brace up, keep cool, and not make any more errors, or there will be heaps of trouble. In this way he keeps the good will of all his men.

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Kienzie, the Philadelphia fielder, has been released by New Orleans. Kienzie is in town and wears a variegated eve, the result of a mill with Ferry Werden, the giant first baseman of the local team. The trouble occurred in a Charleston hotel, and no one would have known anything about the matter had not Klenzie come back to New Orleans with the club after he had been released. Kienzie had been lushing and was fined and laid off without pay.

The men in the National League whom your correspondent referred to as possible members of the local team were Duffy and Tebeau, and a delegate of the club has gone on to Chicago to make a dicker with President Spaiding for them. It was the intention here to secure Cliff Carroll of the Washington team, but Carroll evidently did not caro to

Philadelphia, May 4.—Not for ten years has there been such a backward base ball season in Philadelphia as this. Numerous causes are assigned, but the fifty-cent tariff and the backward condition of the weather have probably more to do with it than anything else. So far it has been demonstrated that fifty cents will not pay. The Athletics have played good ball at home, and only at one game with the Brocklyns did they have a good crowd. Then 2.100 paid admissions were recorded by the turnstiles. The Philadelphias best crowd so far has been 1,700, but in the four Washington games the number of spectators did not average 400 to a game.

creating dissatisfaction am ong the spectators, which may eventually result in the removal of the umpire. He added that it was no pleasure for him to impose a fine upon a player, but when he was trying to do als duty, he intended that players should treat him with respect. These facts were presented to President Young, and he fully sue tains Umpire Lynch, and comments favorably upon his straightforward reply to Hornung.

Tim Reefe's contract with New York has been received at League he indiquarters. It calls her for but \$2,000 on its face, but he probably receives more than twice that amount.

President Nimick in a letter to President Young commends the urapiring of Mr. Deeker and invites special atts nition to the magnificent game of ball the Chier go team is putting up.

There appears to be ino foundation for the rumor that Mr. Hewit is anxious to sell out his interest in the Washin igton Ciub. He is a triffe disappointed in the showing his ponies are making, but he has too much involved in the base ball park to give up a certainty of realizing several thousand dedilars by the purchase of the piece of ground now known as Capital Park.

Baltimore, May 5.—Baltimoreans are very much disappointed over the non-success of their base ball club. When the team left here on its travels great things were expected of it, notwithstanding the two successive defeats sustained at Cleveland's hands. Instead of this the club is being licked right straight along, and, as if to cap the cimax of its missortunes, kilroy, the crack pitcher of the club, split his finger, and will be unable to do any work for several weeks at least. Barnie says he is discouraged. At great expense he collected a strong team, and here, at the beginning of the season, he is handicapped with crippled men. Smith and Cunningham are now the only pitchers on whom he can place any reliance, and the first of these is not in the pink of condition, Harkins is being batted too freely to be of any use to the club, and Shaw, the pony, is not only vary light but is

At Ridgewood-Brooklyn vs. Baltimere.

At Arctic Fark—Access vs. Mutuals of Newark. At Recreation Park—Cuban Giants vs. Orchard. - At Long Island grounds—Flushing vs. Gorhams. BASE BALL NOTES.

Alas, poor umpire; Gunning is playing great ball for the Athletics. The St. Louis Browns have a good man in McCarthy. Mike Dorgan is playing with a cooperative nine is Mobbing the umpire is the usual Sunday occupation in the South. Hoover, late of the Philadelphia Club, is now playing with the Albany Club. Things are somewhat allow since Mike Kelly and his eight assistants left us.

Ramsav has coat his blue badge to the winds, and at last accounts was on a spres. In the first twenty games played by the Southern League there were seven blank scores. Manager Phil Powers of the London Club has become a catcher again, and is doing good work.

Prom all reports the 50-cent admission is playing the nischief with the Association games in the West. Did President Day mean it when he said that Decker was the best unpire that ever stood in two shoes?

Oscar Tarabelet, the pitcher for the Highland, Ill, team, struction testicen men in succession on April 28.

Pitcher Daily of the Jersey City Ciub is a good one, but he has easny things to learn. One of them is not to lose his head.

Umpire Valentine's report of the fines imposed on Sub-livan and Esterbrook reads as follows:

"M.F. Posta For Industrial Ind. April 21.

TRI-STATE LEAGUE NOTES. Whalen one of the new catchers of the Kalamasoc Club, or Karoos, as they are called, is a phenomenal thrower to bases.

"Mather" Watson, a phenomenon who failed in the Cincinnatis of 1887, has come again, and is pitching Zanesville's best ball. Zanesville's best ball.

At present the umpires have a rocky time of it for \$60 a month. A movement is on foot, however, to increase the salary to \$100 a month and expenses.

Manager and Capt. O'Neill of the Kassos is the Latham of the Tri-State League. And the coaching in some of the towns is wonderful when it isn't appailing.

Manadeld has a weak team, and is strengthening it as the days go by. The latest move is to buy "Parson." Nicholson from Yon der Albe. He was the best man in the Ohio League of 1857.

Young John Handibes of the Columbia Cint.

PITCHING AND CATCHING.

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Prom the Louiselle Courter-Journal.

The position of pitcher has many fine points, and, to be able to play them successfully, one must be self-possessed and confident. Every one expects something more of a man in the "points" than mere pitching and watching bases. To be able to throw a ball accurately is an accomplishment that oftentimes does more toward winning a game than to be able to pitch the most deceptive curves. Practice alone will develop this important feature. A pitcher must study his men. Every batsman has weak points as well as strong ones, and, after knowing these qualifications, the pitcher should be able to remember them. Another all-important point which a pitcher can work to advantage is to always back up another player, and not be rivetted in his position. In the event of a ball being thrown wide from the outfield or any other point, as the case may be, it is the pitcher's duty to be behind the player to whom the ball is thrown, backing him up. By doing so he oftentimes prevents a runner from advancing a base, if act scoring a run. I make special mention of this because it is so seldom done, and I think it is more through carelessness than anything else. I could mention a number of men who are all ever the diamond. Buffington is one. He is a hard worker from the start to the finish of a game. If all pitchers would pattern themselves after that buffiliant player, their popularity and value as players would be ent the finish of a game. If all pitchers would pattern themselves after that buffiliant player, their popularity and value as players would be ent the finish of a game. If all pitchers would pattern themselves after that buffiliant player, their popularity and value as players would be ent the finish of a game. If all pitchers would pattern the miselves after that buffiliant player, their popularity and value as players would be enthe increase.

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DECAY OF OLD-TIME INDUSTRIES.

A Region Once Big with Leather and Timber Interests All Changed Now. MIDDLETOWN, N. Y., May 5 .- The spring reshets in the upper Delaware River and its ributaries have subsided, and the last rafts of the early season from the once productive umber region of Sullivan and Delaware coun-

ties, New York, and Wayne and Pike counties. Pennsylvania, have passed the three States boundary rock near Port Jervis, on the way to tidewater and a market. The remarkable de-cay of a once important industry is indicated by the fact that the total output of lumber from the region this season will not exceed 300 rafts, or say 30,000,000 feet of lumber, as against 60,000,000 feet last year, and an average of 250.000,000 feet for a series of seasons fifteen to twenty years ago. The quality of the lumber sent forward has deteriorated in a marked detwenty years ago. The quality of the lumber sent forward has deteriorated in a marked degree, just as the quantity has fallen off. Formerly the huge pines and hemlocks of the primeval growths yielded a profusion of clear, merchantable lumber for building purposes, while there was also obtained an abundance of the finer woods for cabinet and decorative work, such as cherry, ash, wainut, and specked and curled maple. These choicer and more valuable products of the forest were the first to go, and made up the great fleets of rafts that in former years burdened the waters of rafts that in former years burdened the waters of the river. The remnant now going forward in rapidly diminishing annual outputs is the gleaning of the lumber harvest that the region once bors, Much of it, in fact, is small, second-growth timber, fit only for piling or for dock purposes. Coincident with the decadence of the lumber industry in the region in question is the decline of the flourishing tanning business formerly carried on there. With the exhaustion of the old forests both interests are dying out. No longer ago than 1855 Sullivan county alone had thirty-nine tanneries in active operation, which turned out 8,500,000 pounds of leather, valued at 32,600,000. The tanning interests of Delaware and Wayne counties were correspondingly extensive. Now there are only two small tanneries in operation in Bullivan county and not more than five or six in the whole district, and these altogother turn out less leather than one of the big tanneries of twenty years ago.

The lumbermen and tanners of the region have turned to other and probably more profitable occupations. They have become milk producers and supply a large share of the milk shipped by the Erie and Ontario and Western Raffronds. They are working the many productive bile-stone quarries that abound in the

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